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**Mail Stop FEE RESPONSE**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In the Final Office Action mailed on December 9, 2003, claims 1-43 are pending. The examiner has rejected claim 20 under 35 USC §112, for the reasons stated therein, and rejected claims 1-43 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Guy et al in view of Scroggins and Tabata, et al. In response to the Final Office Action, Applicants are filing a Continuation-in-Part Patent Application. Please find enclosed a copy of the Continuation-in-Part Patent Application Transmittal being filed with the Patent and Trademark Office on this date.

**Conclusion**

The undersigned asks that the Examiner contact him at (225) 248-2104 if he has any questions regarding the response.

Respectfully Submitted,

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